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Title: DETECTING CLUTCH SLIPPAGE)

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AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, Applicants request a one-

month extension of the time period for response and consideration of this Amendment, in

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The section entitled "Changes to the Claims" begins on page 2;

The section entitled "Changes to the Drawings" begins on page 5; and

The section entitled "Remarks" begins on page 6.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-10 are amended and claim 5 is canceled herein. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, Figure 3 of the drawings was objected to because reference number 42 is not discussed in the written description. Figure 3 has been amended to remove reference number 42. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 5 into claim 1 and amended the claims to attend to other formal matters without otherwise narrowing their scope.

Also, claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,193,630 (Janasek et al.). Claims 2, 4, 8 and 10 were rejected as being obvious over Janasek et al. alone. The rejections respectfully are traversed in light of the claim amendments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension-of-time fee, or any other necessary fees, to Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

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